Utilisation of funds by Ports

†5455. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the port-wise total plan outlay sanctioned for Mumbai- Kakinada and Kandla Free Ports during the year 1999-2000;

(b) the actual plan outlay utilized out of the total plan outlay by these ports during the financial year 1998-99;

(c) whether there has been a considerable decline in the utilisation of plan allocation by these ports in the period of 31st March, 1998 to 31st March, 1999; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Out of the three Ports mentioned, Major Ports at Mumbai and Kandla come under the administrative control of the Central Government. The Port at Kakinada is under the administrative control of the State government of Andhra Pradesh. The plan outlay sanctioned for Mumbai and Kandla Port Trusts during the year 1999-2000 was Rs. 223.10 crores and Rs. 71.80 crores respectively.

(b) Against an outlay of Rs. 110.90 crores and Rs. 65.50 crores respectively for Mumbai and Kandla Ports during the year 1998-99, the actual expenditure was Rs. 52.46 crores and Rs. 50.19 crores.

(c) and (d) The percentage-wise utilisation of plan outlay during the financial year 1998-99 was almost equal to the previous year in case of Mumbai Port Trust. In case of Kandla Port Trust, there has been considerable improvement in plan outlay utilisation during 1998-99 in comparison to previous year.

Container traffic at Visakhapatnam Port

5456. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is increase in container traffic at the port of Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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